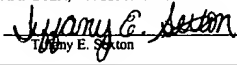




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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:


Applicant, in the above-identified matter, hereby petitions under 37 CFR §1.136 for a One-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action dated March 1, 2004. This Petition requests an extension of time extending the period for responding to the Office Action up to and including July 1, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check from the undersigned firm in the amount of \$110.00 for the One-Month Extension of Time fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee due herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495. A duplicate of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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